

Vermont Drug and Alcohol Coalition

Mission Statement: *The Vermont Drug and Alcohol Coalition exists to continually improve access to quality prevention, intervention, treatment, enforcement and recovery services and programs for all Vermonters.*

May 26, 2010 Minutes

Present: David O'Brien, Christine Peterson, Kim Martin, Patty McCarthy, Jack Pransky, Ann Gilbert, Pat Martin, Guest Barbara Cigmaglio

Mark Ames and Joan Lenas sends regrets

By phone – Ken Libertoff, Andy Hauty

Note--- new call in phone number----(800) 747-5150 code 2296103

Action Steps:

- Christine will check with Mary regarding Franklin County attending a VDAC meeting (carried over)
- Christine will ask Virginia Renfrew to join VDAC meeting in June instead of August to talk about alcohol tax
- Kim will check on DLC conference room
- Mark will talk to Joey Donovan (carried over from Jan. mtg)

Review and approve minutes from April 2010 meeting: Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Patty motioned to approve and David seconds. Minutes accepted as written.

Treasurer's report: Kim reported that there is \$1532.96 in budget. No changes since last month.

Membership report: No new members. Group reviewed membership letter draft and made suggestions. Kim will add changes and send to Christine for approval before the letter goes out.

Discussion: How can ADAP support VDAC in the coming year? Guest Barbara Cigmaglio: Barbara reviewed VDAC's proposal with group and suggested that VDAC increase visibility and represent all substance abuse areas; prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement and broadcast messages in a cohesive way. She feels that starting with an event such as a forum, or bringing in a speaker makes sense. Patty talked about having a legislative breakfast or Town Hall Meeting to better educate legislators. ADAP can support broad issues and not issues specifically related to a bill. She stressed the importance of a solid, strong voice for drug and alcohol issues. We talked about a professional day for all Vermont partners in substance abuse to build coalition and mobilize around a single issue. ADAP cannot support a coordinator right now. Group decided to devote the next few meetings to plan an event that will be based on a current issue which will bring in more organizations and people. Perhaps a public forum during Alcohol Awareness Month and the professional day in the late fall. Jack reminded us that we need to be mindful when planning events. His Young Adult Advisory Group will be meeting for the first time June 11th and they may want to be involved with VDAC. He will keep us posted.

Patty will draft a new proposal and send to group for review.

Follow up on guests/topics for future meetings. Beer Tax, Nick's Law etc: Christine found the name of the woman who was involved with Nick's Law but it has not gone anywhere.

Kelly Ault will be our guest at the August 25th meeting to talk about grassroots organizing and events with the Children's Forum.

Pat talked about an idea he had using the 40 Developmental Assets and having youth record television PSA's based on these important protective factors.

Ann Gilbert volunteered to take minutes in June.

Meetings June-Dec will be held in the DLC conference room.

Ken will try and bring candidates together to discuss issues. He predicts some candidates will not be supportive of the beer tax idea.

Next meeting: June 23rd 12:30 - 2:30PM at the Department of Liquor Control, Montpelier

August 25th 12:30 - 2:30PM at DLC

September 22nd 12:30 - 2:30PM at DLC--- FALL RETREAT

October 27th 12:30 - 2:30PM at DLC

November/December -combined meeting TBA

SAVE THE DATE- April 19th, 2011- Awareness Day at the State House

Adjourned 2:00

Respectfully submitted: Kim Martin